(b) by when they plan to start the fruits and vegetables processing?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTJI WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE THE MINISTRY OF POOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHAR YADAV): (a) M/s, Punjab Agro industries Corporation were granted a letter of intent to process, among other items, 12,000 tonnes of fruits/ vegetable products per annum. It is upto the holder of letter of intent to produce various fruit/vegetable products within the approved capacity.

(b) M/s. Pepsi-Foods Private Limited have indicated that they expect to commission the fruit and vegetable processing plant in May, 1990.

Foreign Tourists' visit to India

1051. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of foreign tourists who visited India during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many of them visited beyond the Golden Triangle of Delhi-Agra-Jaipur; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to encourage the tourists to go even beyond Golden Traingle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) The number of foreign tourists who visited India during the last 3 years are as given below:—

Year	Number of tourists (excluding nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh)
1987	11,63,774
1988	12,39,992
1989	13,37,232

(b) The relevant statistics are not available.

(c) Steps taken by the Government to encourage tourism, include upgradation of tourism infrastructure! facilities, diversification of tourist attractions, identification and development of new travel circuits and strengthening of publicity and marketing activities in overseas market's.

Occupancy rate in the hotels run by the Ministry of Tourism

1052. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) which are the hotels being run by the Ministry of Tourism; and

(b) what is the percentage of their occupancy during the last three years. ycav-wise and hotel-wise?

THE MINISTER . OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK); (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism does not operate hotels. However, ITDC, a public sec tor undertaking under the adrriinistrative control of the Central Department of Tourism presently owns and operates 25 hotels. The percentage occupancy of these hotels during last 3 years, year-wise and hotel wise, is given in the enclosed statement: